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"HARMONIZATION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION STANDARDS"
(02.11-21)

REF: MOSCOW 15206

1. REQUEST EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER HOLD THIS MESSAGE OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1976, AT US EMBASSY MOSCOW, FOR MR. ROBERT B. GRANT, US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
2. REPORT ON PROGRESS OF THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT XI-2.1: "HARMONIZATION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION STANDARDS" (02.11-21). OCTOBER 31, 1976 - NOVEMBER 15, 1976.
3. THE THIRD MEETING OF PROJECT XI-2.1 WAS HELD IN THE UNITED STATES FROM NOVEMBER 30 THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 1975.
4. AT THIS MEETING, A RECORD (PROTOCOL), WHICH INCLUDED THE WORK PLAN FOR 1976, WAS JOINTLY AGREED TO AND SIGNED. IT WAS AGREED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT COOPERATIVE WORK UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD CONTINUE IN THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL GLOSSARY, IN THE IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF AIR AND WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS, IN THE STUDY OF STANDARDIZATION METHODOLOGIES, IN THE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL METROLOGY,

AND IN THE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS. REGARDING THIS LAST ITEM, AN ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS SYMPOSIUM WAS PROPOSED TO TAKE PLACE IN APRIL 1977.

5. AT THIS THIRD MEETING, PRESENTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS CONCERNING A RANGE OF INTERESTS PECULIAR TO PROJECT XI-2.1 WERE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS (NBS), THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS (ASTM), THE ORGANIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL METROLOGY (OILM), THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI), AND THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. TO COMPLEMENT THEIR MEETING ACTIVITIES, THE SOVIET DELEGATION VISITED A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, US EPA RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, AND THE VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCES.

6. IN PREPARATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE SOVIET UNION IN APRIL 1977, BOTH SIDES HAVE EXCHANGED AND ARE EXAMINING PROPOSED LISTS OF PAPER TOPICS AND SUBJECTS TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE SYMPOSIUM.

7. SOVIET COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT EDITION OF THE RUSSIAN-ENGLISH GLOSSARY (GLOSSARY DEVELOPED THROUGH PRIOR WORK PLANS) HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE PRESENTLY BEING REVIEWED PRIOR TO REVISION OF THE DRAFT.

8. DURING THIS WORK PERIOD, THE US SIDE ALSO TRANSMITTED TO THE SOVIETS SEVERAL DOCUMENTS CONCERNING POLLUTION STANDARD SETTING METHODOLOGIES, AIR AND WATER QUALITY CRITERIA, AND SELECTED PAPERS ON THE RUBBER AND GLASS INDUSTRIES IN ADDITION TO EPA SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS ON FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION.

9. THE US SIDE IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING A DRAFT 1977 WORK UNCLASSIFIED

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PLAN RECENTLY SUBMITTED BY THE SOVIETS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT JOINT MEETING. PLANS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF STANDARD REFERENCE MATERIALS AND THE MUTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF A STANDARD FOR A NEW POLLUTANT ARE AMONG THE ITEMS INTENDED TO BE ADDRESSED AT THAT MEETING.

10. THE FOURTH MEETING OF PROJECT XI-2.1 IS PROPOSED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE SOVIET UNION ON SEPTEMBER 26 THROUGH OCTOBER 8, 1976.

11. MEMORANDUM OF WORK OF THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT XI-2.1: "HARMONIZATION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION STANDARDS".

12. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE ANTICIPATED DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 15, 1976. THESE ACTIVITIES, WHICH WERE INITIATED AT THE PREVIOUS THREE MEETINGS OF PROJECT XI-2.1, WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE FOURTH MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 8, 1976, AND ARE ANTICIPATED TO CONTINUE AS INDICATED:

13. BOTH SIDES WILL CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON AIR AND WATER QUALITY STANDARDS. THIS INFORMATION WILL INCLUDE ISSUES REGARDING THE SELECTION OF CRITERIA CONCERNING AMBIENT WATER QUALITY AND THE CONTROL OF AIR QUALITY IN POPULATED AREAS. THIS ACTIVITY IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEMS 1, 6, AND 7 OF THE 1976 WORK PROGRAM.

14. A SYMPOSIUM ON ECONOMIC ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE USSR IN APRIL 1977. TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AND PAPERS TO BE DELIVERED AT THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE REVIEWED BY BOTH SIDES PRIOR TO THE SYMPOSIUM. AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING CONCERNING THIS ENVIRONMENT/ECONOMICS SYMPOSIUM MAY BE HELD. THIS ACTIVITY IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM 2 OF THE 1976 WORK PROGRAM ADOPTED IN DECEMBER 1975.

15. A SECOND DRAFT OF THE ENGLISH-RUSSIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GLOSSARY HAS BEEN COMPLETED. A FINAL PUBLICATION INCORPORATING SOVIET COMMENTS WILL BE PREPARED. THIS WORK IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WORK PROGRAM ITEM 4.
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16. IN ACCORDANCE WITH WORK PROGRAM ITEM 5, BOTH SIDES WILL CONTINUE WORK IN THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STANDARDIZATION METHODS IN THE AREA OF AIR AND WATER PROTECTION.

17. BOTH SIDES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM 8 OF THE 1976 WORK PROGRAM, WILL CONTINUE COOPERATIVE WORK IN METROLOGY. THIS WORK WILL INCLUDE EFFORTS TOWARD THE EXCHANGE OF STANDARD REFERENCE MATERIALS (SRMS).

18. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT PLANS FOR THE FIFTH JOINT MEETING OF PROJECT XI-2.1 WILL BE FORMULATED IN THE 1976-1977 WORK YEAR.

19. PUBLICATIONS SENT TO US IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROJECT XI-2.1 :

20. SOVIET ECONOMY UNDER ADVANCED SOCIALISM (IN ENGLISH) BY BORIS SUKHAREVSKY.

21. ANTI AIR-POLLUTION MEASURES BY I. KUZNETSOV.

22. WORLD OCEAN BY STEPANOV.

23. HISTORY OF MOSCOW.

24. GOSSTANDART STATE STANDARDS DOCUMENTS:

25. LUMBER INDUSTRY -- TERMS AND DEFINITIONS.

26. AGRICULTURAL METEOROLOGY PRINCIPAL CONCEPTS.

27. TITRIMETRIC METHOD FOR DETERMINATION OF HYDROGEN
CHLORIDE IN GASES.

28. MINERAL WATER FOR DRINKING (THERAPEUTIC USE AND
THERPEUTIC TABLE USE).

29. GAS CHROMATOGRAPHIC COLUMNS (TYPES, BASIC PARAMETERS
AND DIMENSIONS) (2 COPIES).
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30. TECHNOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE USSR PETROLEUM.

31. ANTHRACITE AND SEMI-ANTHRACITE (METHOD FOR DETERMINING
THE VOLUME YIELD OF VOLATILE SUBSTANCES) (2 COPIES).

32. RADIOACTIVE AEROSOLS -- TERMS AND DEFINITIONS (2 COP-
IES).

33. PASSENGER AIRPLANES (2 COPIES).

34. FOREST CULTURES AND AFFORESTATION -- TERMS AND DEFINI-
TIONS (2 COPIES).

35. HYDROCHEMISTRY PRINCIPAL CONCEPTS -- TERMS AND DEFINI-
TIONS (2 COPIES).

36. GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY -- TERMS AND DEFINITIONS (2 COPIES).

37. GASES (PYCNOMETRIC METHOD FOR DENSITY DETERMINATIONS)
(2 COPIES).

38. GASES (METHOD FOR DETERMINATION OF MICRO AND ULTRA-
MICRO CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN OXIDES)(2 COPIES).

39. OCEANOGRAPHY -- TERMS AND DEFINITIONS (2 COPIES).

40. NOISE LEVEL METERS (GENERAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND
METHODS OF TESTING).

41. AGRICULTURE. HORTICULTURAL -- TERMS AND DEFINITIONS.

42. ANALYZERS FOR COMPOSITION AND PROPERTIES OF LIQUIDS --

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS.

43. MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINES (BENCH TEST METHODS).

44. SOVIET UNION DAILY REPORT COMPILED BY THE FOREIGN
BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE.

45. ABOVE ITEMS TRANSMITTED 1/75.
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46. "CONSERVATION AND THE RATIONAL USE OF NATURAL
RESOURCES", TRANSMITTED 2/76.

47. "PLANNED EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES -- PRERE-
QUISITES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION" , A. G. BANNIKOV
AND B. N. BOGDANOV.

48. "THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS OF PLANNING
AND MANAGEMENT -- SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE USE OF
NATURAL RESOURCES", K. G. GOFMAN, ET AL.

49. "CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC VALUATION OF WATER", G.M.
MATLIN.

50. "ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE RATIONAL USE OF NATURAL RE-
SOURCES AND PROTECTION OF MAN'S ENVIRONMENT".

51. "A FEW QUESTIONS ON THE MODELING OF REPRODUCTION OF
ENVIRONMENT", A. A. GUSEV.

52. "MANAGEMENT OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT", V. I. BELYAEV.

53. PUBLICATIONS SENT TO USSR IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROJECT
XI-2.1: "HARMONIZATION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION STAND-
ARDS" :

54. NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS SPECIAL PUBLICATION 260 -
CATALOGUE OF NBS STANDARD REFERENCE MATERIALS, TRANSMITTED
10/14/75.

55. NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS SPECIAL PUBLICATION 260 -
SUPPLEMENT - 1975 PRICE LIST/STANDARD REFERENCE MATERIALS,
TRANSMITTED 10/14/76.

56. NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS STANDARD REFERENCE
MATERIALS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH ANALYSIS AND CONTROL,
TRANSMITTED 10/14/75.

57. METHODOLOGY FOR SETTING WATER POLLUTION STANDARDS IN
THE UNITED STATES. US EPA, TRANSMITTED 5/5/76.
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58. FEDERAL REGISTER, VOL. 36, NO. 84, APRIL 30, 1971,
PART II, "NATIONAL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AMBIENT AIR
QUALITY STANDARDS" -- "AIR QUALITY CRITERIA FOR SULFUR
OXIDES" -- "AIR QUALITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICULATE MATTER",
TRANSMITTED 6/23/76.

59. FEDERAL REGISTER, VOL. 39, NO. 36, FEBRUARY 21, 1974,
PART II, "RUBBER PROCESSING POINT SOURCE CATEGORY"
(EFFLUENT GUIDELINES), DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT FOR EFFLUENT
GUIDELINES FOR THE TIRE AND SYNTHETIC SEGMENT OF THE RUB-
BER PROCESSING POINT SOURCE CATEGORY, TRANSMITTED 6/23/76.

60. FEDERAL REGISTER, VOL. 39, NO. 15, JANUARY 22, 1974,
PART III, "GLASS MANUFACTURING POINT SOURCE CATEGORY IN-
SULATION FIBERGLASS SUBCATEGORY" DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT FOR
THE INSULATION FIBERGLASS SUBCATEGORY, TRANSMITTED 6/23/76.

61. VOLUMES I AND II OF THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY DOCUMENT ENTITLED "PROCEEDINGS: SYMPOSIUM ON FLUE
GAS DESULFURIZATION", TRANSMITTED 6/27/76.

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